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Active shooter training for area school districts today

School districts and law enforcement are partnering today for an active shooter training and drill development workshop from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield. Approximately 100 law enforcement officers and school administrators from 40 districts in the region will be participating.

Beginning this fall, Senate Bill 75 will require schools to coordinate with law enforcement on conducting annual drills for active shooters. The Missouri Center for Education Safety has partnered with the Missouri School Resource Officers Association to put together best-practice-based training and drill templates that will give law enforcement and school staff the tools to conduct their own training and drills, which are synchronized with a school's emergency plan.

Officer Eric Schroeder of the Springfield Police Department is one of the few certified trainers in Missouri and will be teaching the group the "Run, Hide, Fight" survival method in case their schools ever face an active shooter situation. His presentation will take place during the first two hours of today's training.

Members of the media are invited to attend.

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